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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR US-EC CONSULTATIONS - ELEVENTH
ROUND

1. OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE ELEVENTH ROUND OF
US-EC CONSULTATIONS NOVEMBER 18-19 IN WASHINGTON ARE SET
FORTH BELOW. STRUCTURED TO REFLECT MUTUAL RECOGNITION
THAT FORMAT FOR OUR SEMI-ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS SHOULD
PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND BROADER SUBJECT COVERAGE,
OUR PROPOSED AGENDA INCORPORATES A NUMBER OF MODIFICATIONS
FROM PAST PRACTICE.

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2. TO ACHIEVE FLEXIBILITY, WE ARE SUGGESTING ONLY TWO PLENARY SESSIONS AND GREATER USE OF LIMITED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS ON SPECIFIC POLICY AREAS. THIS WILL BOTH ALLOW MORE TIME FOR SEPARATE CALLS BY SOAMES ADD OTHER EC OFFICIALS AND PROVIDE FOR MORE DETAILED CONSULTATION ON PARTICULAR TOPICS. WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT COVERAGE, WE ARE PROPOSING THAT CONSULTATION BE FOCUSED ON TRADE, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. WE ARE SENSITIVE TO FACT THAT SCHEDULING OF SPECIFIC WORKING GROUP SESSIONS WILL DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON

MAKEUP OF EC DELEGATION AND SOAMES' WISHES AS TO WHO DOES WHAT FOR HIS SIDE. WITHIN THIS CONSTRAINT, WE BELIEVE WORKING GROUPS OF POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE IMPORTANT TO OVERALL SUCCESS OF CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS. IF THIS BASIC APPROACH IS SALEABLE TO SOAMES, THE LIMITED GROUP SESSIONS WOULD BE FIRMED-UP IN LIGHT OF COMPOSITION OF EC DELEGATION.

4. PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1000 - 1015 - SOAMES/ROBINSON MEETING

1015 - 1245 - PLENARY SESSION 1 AT STATE DEPT

- - BRIEF OPENING STATEMENTS ON OVERALL
- RELATIONSHIP

- - DISCUSSION OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES

- - DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

1300 - 1445 - ROBINSON LUNCHEON AT STATE DEPARTMENT
- FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS

1500 - 1730 - WORKING GROUP MEETINGS:
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- A) POLITICAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONS WITH
- THIRD COUNTRIES - SOAMES/STATE TO CHAIR
- ON US SIDE

- B) PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND FOLLOW
- -UP TO SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
- UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (IF

- APPROPRIATE EC OFFICIALS ARE AVAILABLE).

- C) GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY (IF APPRO-
- PRIATE US AND EC OFFICIALS ARE AVAIL-
- ABLE).

- - INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BY VISITING EC DELE-
- GATION MEMBERS ON HILL AND WITH OTHER
- USG OFFICIALS.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

" " --TINGS BY VISITING EC DELEGATION

MORNING - INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BY VISITING EC DELEGATION

- MEMBERS ON HILL AND WITH OTHER USG OFFICIALS.

- - WORKING GROUP MEETING ON TRADE ISSUES -
- HIJZEN/STATE AND STR TO CHAIR ON US SIDE

1400-1630 -- PLENARY SESSION 11 AT STATE DEPARTMENT.

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- -- REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS.

- -- TRADE ISSUES.

- -- GENERAL DISCUSSION.

1630 - JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE DEPARTMENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMISSION REACTION AND COMMENTS
TO OUR PROPOSED AGENDA ASAP. EARLY INDICATION OF WHO WILL
BE ATTENDING ON EC SIDE WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME, GIVEN THE
NEED TO ARRANGE WORKING GROUPS. (FYI: WE UNDERSTAND FROM
EC DELEGATION HERE THAT SOAMES MAY WISH TO CHANGE HIS
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